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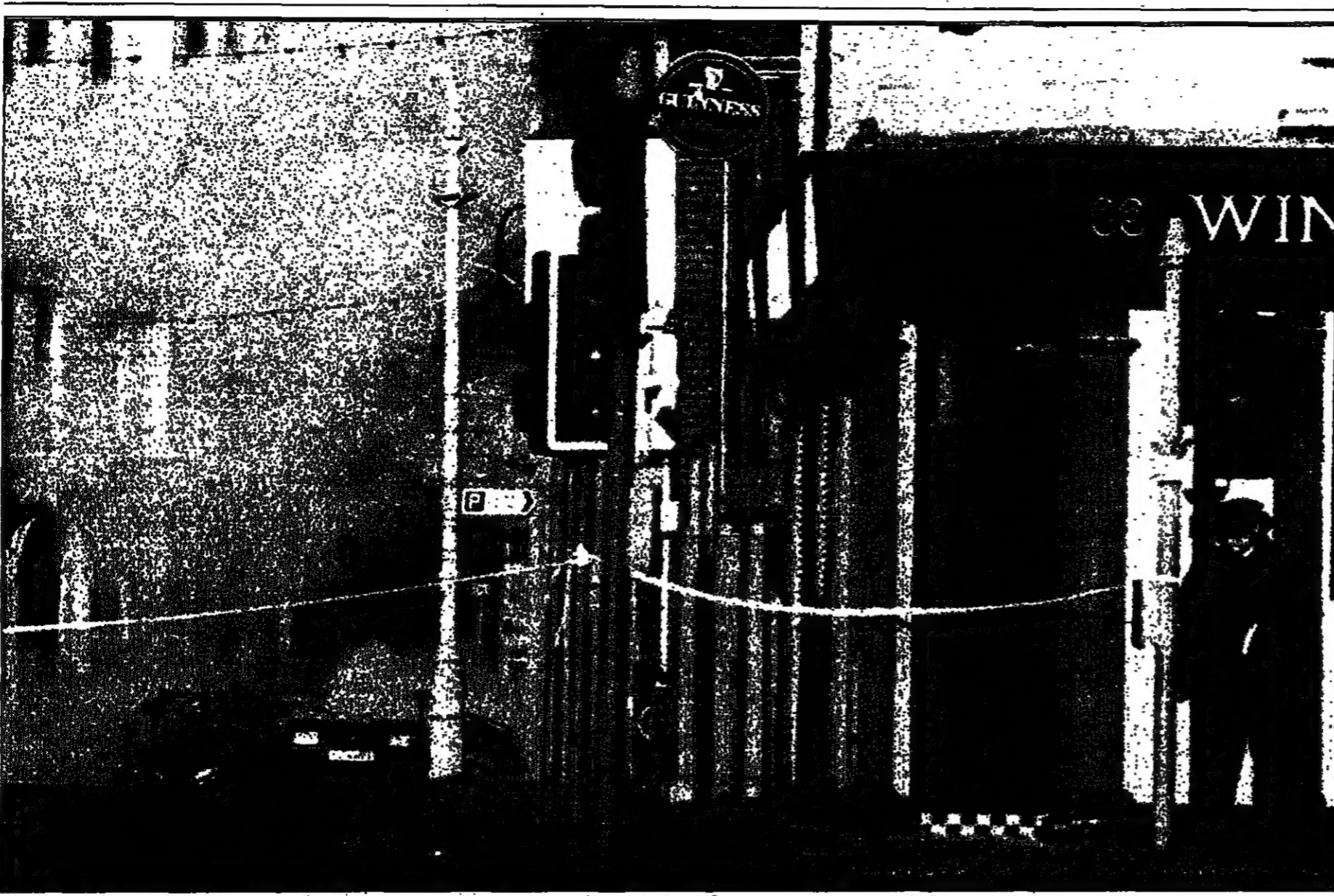
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A controlled explosion makes safe a 600lb car bomb outside the RUC headquarters in Londonderry yesterday. An IRA splinter group had telephoned a warning PHOTOGRAPH: PAUL FAITH

Car bomb awakens fears of violence

David Sharrock and Ewen MacAskill

A MASSIVE car bomb was defused outside RUC headquarters in Londonderry yesterday, adding to the mood of isolation in the province as people on both sides of the divide fear a slide back into widespread violence.

The 600lb bomb, packed into 13 plastic bags in the back of a Renault, was claimed to be the work of a little known republican splinter group. The IRA Continuity Army Council called media on both sides of the border, without using a recognised codeword, warning of the bomb. The area was evacuated and Army disposal experts carried out a controlled explosion on the car, which was found to contain homemade fertiliser-based explosives.

The Social Democratic and Labour Party leader, John Hume, who is MP for the city, said he was deeply angered. "The people who are engaged in this activity today are enemies of the people of Derry," he said. Mr Hume insisted, however, that an IRA ceasefire could yet be achieved.

The IRA Continuity Army Council claimed responsibility for the bombing of the Killybegs Hotel in Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh, in July. In September it abandoned a car bomb in central Belfast, which was also neutralised by the Army.

The group is believed to draw its small membership mainly from the west of Ulster. Republican Sinn Fein, the party which broke with Gerry Adams's Provisional Sinn Fein in 1986, has denied that CAC is its military wing, but they share the belief that

the British presence can be removed only by violence. Police said yesterday's bomb, in Strand Road, close to the heart of Derry, would have had a devastating impact upon the city centre. Its impact on the battered peace process and the accompanying jittery peace was already being felt across Northern Ireland last night.

As winter sets in, the mood of people is becoming ever more gloomy. On the ground the landscape is beginning to revert to stereotype, with increasing army and RUC patrols and checkpoints.

Soundings taken across the province among security, political, republican and loyalist sources all point towards the same chilling conclusion that there is nothing to prevent the return to widespread violence.

Recent speculation that the IRA is holding an unofficial ceasefire while Mr Hume seeks concessions from John Major on Mr Adams's behalf and that a new ceasefire could be in place by Christmas has been scotched by words as well as deeds. Republican sources have denied the newspaper stories and last weekend police foiled an IRA landmine attack on a security patrol in Derry.

The Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble, emerged from talks with the Prime Minister at Downing Street yesterday to demand that he make a statement on the behind-the-scenes talks he is having with Mr Hume.

The Government was running the danger of a "loss of confidence" among the people of Ulster if he failed to make the negotiations public, he said. Downing Street later insisted there were no plans for the Prime Minister to make

Schools tagging row

Curfew orders on 10 to 15-year-olds

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

NEW legislation forcing children as young as 10 to wear electronic tags to ensure they stay in school was greeted with a barrage of criticism last night.

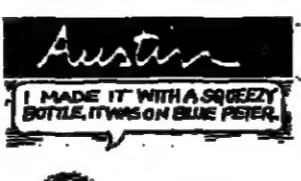
Under the legislation, the trials of US-style electronic tags to monitor curfew orders for adults will be extended to offenders aged 10 to 15.

The use of the tags to monitor attendance at school — an extension of the proposals not previously revealed — will not need the agreement of

teachers or education authorities. They are also intended to be used to keep young offenders away from potential trouble spots such as shopping centres and football matches. The schemes are run by private security companies.

The proposals provoked a chorus of protests from within the criminal justice system. Mary Honeyball, of the Association of Chief Officers of Probation, said the use of an electronic device "to take the place of a responsible adult to control the behaviour of a child is a deeply misguided idea".

Chief probation officers predicted that children would wear the tags to school as a



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trophy" and would live up to the "hard image" by repeatedly breaching the curfew simply to "cock a snook at the adult world". The Penal Affairs Consortium said it was "one of the worst ideas yet to tackle juvenile crime".

The new law was tabled as an amendment to Michael Howard's Crime (Sentences) Bill yesterday by the Home Office Minister, David Maclean. He said tagging would detect immediately whether an offender was breaking the curfew, whether at home or at school.

Keeping track

Developed and first used in 1983 by George Jackson of New Mexico, US, the system uses radio transmitters attached to offenders which send signals to a receiver.

First trials in Britain in 1990 were abandoned after about 100 offenders had been tagged, but were restarted by Home Office in 1994.

New £1.4 million trials began in July 1995 and have been extended to next year to Manchester, Nottingham and London.

The curfew orders, which could last up to three months, are expected to be used by the courts mostly for children who have been involved repeatedly in crimes such as shoplifting, vandalism and hooliganism. No parental consent will be needed but the courts will have to take account of family circumstances when setting the hours of the curfew, for example if all adults in the household are out working at the time.

The orders mean the juveniles could be in effect under house arrest for up to 12 hours at a time.

Labour and the Liberal Democrats accused Mr Maclean of timing his announcement to deflect attention from a highly critical official Audit Commission report on youth crime published yesterday.

The report, Misspent Youth, revealed chronic failings in the £1 billion-a-year juvenile justice system and backed cheaper schemes which diverted youngsters

away from crime rather than using the expensive and ineffective courts. Mr Maclean yesterday dismissed the 18-month official study as "pathetically defeatist".

Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, said yesterday's tagging announcement had been foreshadowed in John Major's speech to the Tory party conference and represented a "recycling of old headlines as a desperate attempt to obscure the Audit Commission's damning report on the Government's failure on youth crime".

But Charles Rose, managing director of Geografix, the company running the Home Office trials in Norfolk, said: "The consensus seems to be that tagging works. Over 18 months we have proven that we can monitor the observance of curfews on adult offenders. The success rate of people complying with the orders has been exceptional."

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Widow loses fight to have husband's sperm exported

Clare Dyer Legal Correspondent

DLANE Blood's hopes of having her dead husband's baby were dashed again last night when the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority refused to send his frozen sperm abroad.

Her battle for the right to be artificially inseminated with sperm taken from her unconscious husband, Stephen, as he lay dying, has attracted nationwide sympathy and more than £20,000 in donations towards her legal fees.

Mrs Blood, aged 30, re-mortgaged her house to take the

case to the High Court after the authority refused permission for the procedure, arguing it would be unlawful because Mr Blood, who went into a coma after contracting meningitis, had not consented in writing.

The court held that under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act written consent was necessary for the insemination to be carried out in Britain.

Sir Stephen Brown, president of the court's family division, also ruled that the authority was not acting unreasonably in refusing to export the sperm for use abroad, a move which was within its discretion.

Eminent figures including the fertility treatment pioneer, Lord Winston, and Baroness Warnock, who chaired the committee leading to the authority's creation, backed Mrs Blood's wish to have her husband's baby. Baroness Warnock told the court: "I feel certain that had the committee of inquiry considered such a case, we would have seen no ethical or public policy objections to allowing the woman to become pregnant by the use of her husband's frozen sperm, either in this country or abroad, given the particular facts."

Amid a wave of national sympathy for Mrs Blood's

plight, the authority, headed by Ruth Deech, principal of St Anne's College, Oxford, agreed to reconsider its decision.

But last night it was maintaining its stance that the export of sperm abroad is unlawful if it would be used for purposes unlawful in Britain. Mrs Blood could be inseminated at clinics in Belgium or Florida if the authority would agree to release her husband's sperm.

Mrs Blood's father, Michael McMahon, last night said she was distraught and outraged over the decision. She plans to press ahead with an appeal against the High Court ruling.

Her lawyers are expected to argue when the case goes to the Appeal Court in January that the authority's refusal to allow the sperm to be sent abroad breaches European law. Under rules guaranteeing free access to medical services throughout the European Union, they will say, she should be permitted to undergo insemination in Belgium.

It emerged last night that the authority has been in close contact with lawyers at the Department of Health, who have advised that the original extraction of sperm from Mr Blood's consent was unlawful and should never have been carried out.



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Woman deceived for 17 years by transsexual husband

Self-made man loses claim to fortune

Clare Dyer
Legal Correspondent

A MAN born a woman whose wealthy former wife insists she was unaware of his true sex during their 17-year marriage lost his claim to a share of her substantial wealth yesterday.

The 39-year-old wife, heiress to a share of a family fortune, had the marriage to her transsexual husband declared null and void in 1994 after discovering his birth certificate. She insists she believed that her husband, who wore a false penis made of plaster of Paris, was male but had a very small or deformed penis.

Yesterday three Court of Appeal judges ruled that his "gross deception" in marrying her without disclosing the truth debarred him from a share in the £400,000 family home or any other claim on her wealth, which he estimates at £200,000 a year from family trusts. The pair cannot be identified to protect their children, a boy of nine and a girl of four, born after artificial insemination by a sperm donor. The man, referred to as M, is also fighting for contact with the children.

The 50-year-old transsexual, who lives in a two-room flat in the south of England, said: "I'm disappointed that she's been able to take away some thing that she knows doesn't belong to her. All I can do now is pursue my application for contact with my children and pursue my case to the European Court of Human Rights." M, born into a working-class family in the north of England, became convinced when a teenager that he was a man trapped inside a woman's body. He later underwent a double mastectomy and had hormone injections to deepen his voice and grow a beard, but never underwent the difficult operation to construct a penis from body tissue.

In 1977, he met his future wife, then a 19-year-old university student, at the pub where both were working. He later claimed they had a normal sex life using at first a penis he made from plaster of Paris. Then they both went to a Soho sex shop to choose a penis extension. Lords Justices Ward, Potter and Neill refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords. M's solicitor, Madeleine Rees, said she would seek leave from the law lords and, if they refused, take the case to the Human Rights court in Strasbourg. She added: "The civil rights of transsexuals have still to be recognised in law."

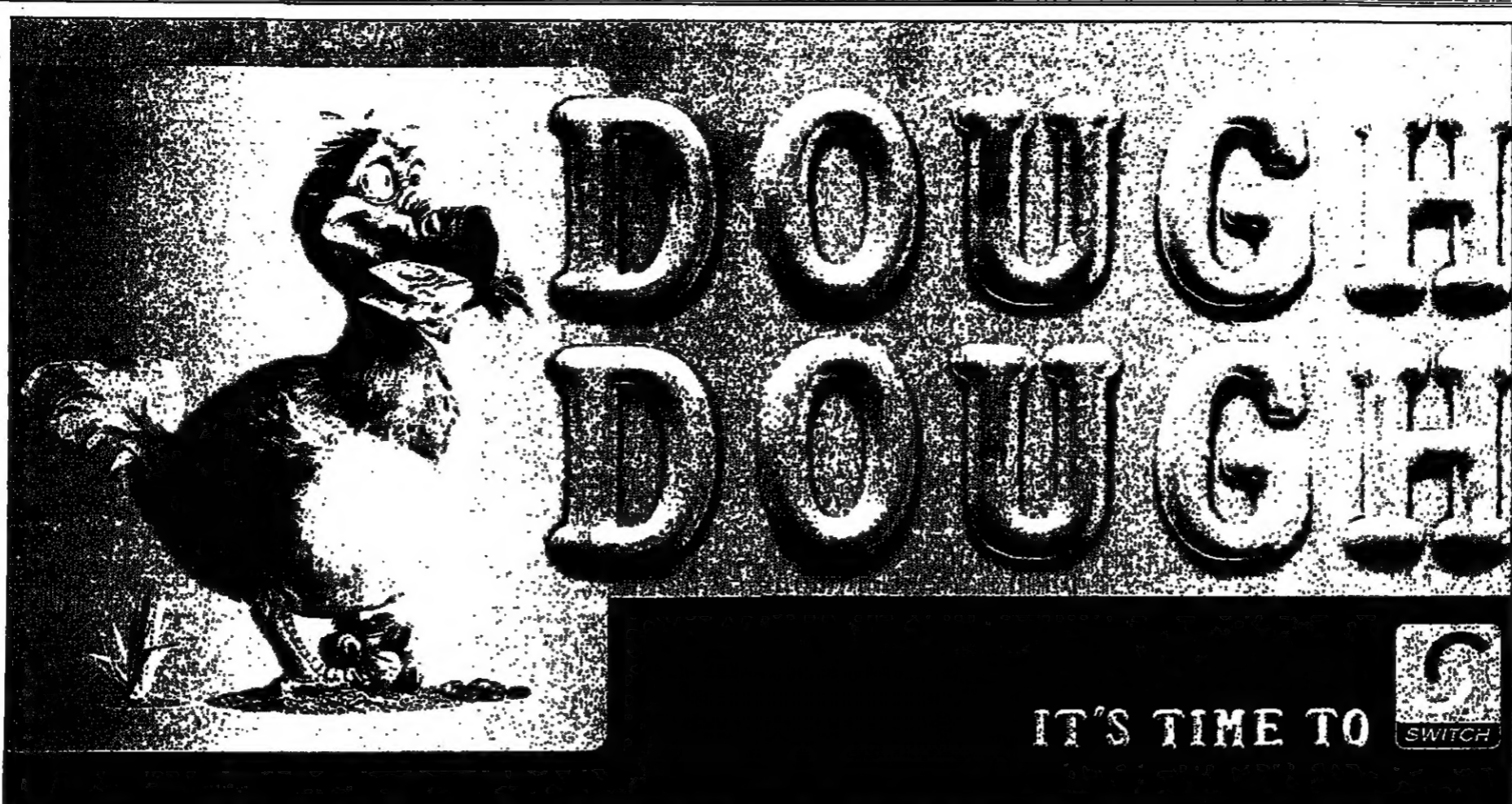
Lord Justice Ward said he had great sympathy for both parties. It was "essentially a sad story" and the couple had both suffered greatly. They had persuaded a fertility clinic to provide artificial insemination, claiming that M had had a vasectomy. Lord Justice Ward commented: "The apparent ease with which they were able to obtain this treatment without the truth being disclosed or discovered is one of the puzzling... features of this case."

The relationship broke down and the wife petitioned for divorce in 1994. After a serious argument, when she cast doubt on his manhood, she said M showed her his artificial penis, asking whether that was not good enough. The judge said she retorted: "It's not real." She confided her suspicions to an old school friend who was a private investigator, who found M's original birth certificate. When this was produced in court, M "more or less collapsed". His wife "20 months later was still receiving counselling for the shock it gave her".

Lord Justice Ward added: "Many — and I am one of them — will find it quite astonishing that there was no single occasion in 17 years of life together when her eyes did not see, or her hands or her body feel, or her senses tell her that she was living with a man who had the genital formation of a woman, a man who did not simply have a small or deformed penis, but had no penis at all." Lord Justice Ward said he understood the argument that a transsexual who enters into marriage honestly believing there is no impediment should not be debarred from a share of the marriage wealth. "But that is not the case. He knew the plaintiff would not marry him in the unhappily ambiguous condition to which he is condemned. The fundamental essence of matrimony must be... buttressed by refusing to permit the defendant taking any advantage from the decree of nullity which has annulled this travesty of marriage."

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The off-the-wall idea, honed over a long lunch, will no longer turn into a commercial in the cash-strapped 90s without painstaking research to ensure that sample groups of customers will actually like it



Sarah Boseley on a confidence crisis

One of the Switch posters, in the running for the least liked modern advert within the industry. Others include the Ford Ka commercial and X-Files spoof for a mobile phone company

BBC to make series on IRA

Andrew Cuff
Media Correspondent

THE BBC is to risk provoking an embarrassing political row by producing a documentary on the history of the modern IRA. The series, which has the working title The Provos, is to be screened next autumn, and will examine the development of the IRA and its relationship with Sinn Fein since 1969. The project is certain to spark a strong political reaction at Westminster and in Northern Ireland. Coverage of the conflict has been one of the most sensitive areas for broadcasters. In 1985 the controversy over the Real Lives programme, which featured an interview with Sinn Fein's Martin McGuinness, prompted Margaret Thatcher to accuse the BBC of giving the oxygen of publicity to terrorists. The history of the republican movement will be presented by Peter Taylor, who has reported on Ireland for 25 years, and be broadcast in three or four 30-minute parts. The BBC had been planning to keep details under wraps because of the sensitivity of the subject matter. The ending in February of the IRA's ceasefire has given added topicality to the series. A spokeswoman for BBC News said: "It will be a proper piece of journalism — the whos, wheres and whats — as you would expect from a journalist of Peter Taylor's calibre." She said it was an entirely appropriate subject for a BBC programme. "It is a vital part of the history of the past 25 years, which has had an impact on us all." The programme would be balanced with views from the British and Irish governments, but interviews had yet to be arranged. "Peter Taylor has consistently brought inside knowledge and depth into the reporting of the problems of Northern Ireland," she said. Coverage of Northern Ireland merited a full chapter in the BBC's revised Producers' Guidelines issued last week, which state: "Reporting of Northern Ireland is seen... as a litmus test of the BBC's fairness and independence." It is likely the project would have been referred to senior executives in Northern Ireland and the BBC's controller of editorial policy.

Bubble bursts for high-living advertising industry

TEN years ago, the advertising industry was fabbed to be a place of high-living, coke-smiffing creative ferment, where a young white-kid's Big Idea suddenly became the jingle on every tongue and stuffed his pockets full of bank notes. But according to Campaign magazine, the ad person's Bible, the magic has evaporated — burst like the soap bubbles that were supposed to wash whiter in the grey face of the recession-hit 90s. A lifestyle survey of 600 people in advertising agencies found only 38 per cent agreed that "most advertising work" is "just 17 per cent" creative, though that "most advertising is good". It suggests a striking crisis of confidence from people whose business is to inspire the punter to part with hard-earned cash for the jeans he did for or a trip on the world's favourite airline. While the big agencies insist their staff really do believe in their campaigns, there are those who acknowledge times have changed. The off-the-wall idea, honed over a long lunch, will no longer turn into a commercial in the cash-strapped 90s without painstaking research to ensure that sample groups of customers will actually like it.

Life of a salesman

Admen — and the majority are men — come in a variety of roles, but Campaign magazine's lifestyle survey suggests most are less stylish than their 1980s image. □ Markis and Spencer was the top store for work clothes (15%) followed by Next (9%) and Jigsaw (7%).

□ After the news, their favourite television programme is Friends (18%), followed by sport (11%) and Eastenders (8%). □ Their favourite makes of car are Mercedes, followed by BMW, Porsche, Aston Martin and Jaguar. □ Their top five children's names are Toby, Tom, James, Alexander/Alexandra and Lucy. □ If they were not in advertising, their chosen professions would be as barrister, writer, actor, artist and merchant banker. □ Most would vote Labour (44%), then Conservative (38%), then Liberal Democrat (10%). □ Their favourite newspaper is the Times (19%), followed by the Guardian (13%), the Daily Telegraph (12%), the Independent (9%) and the Daily Mail (7%).

Mr Fink was responsible for a runaway success of the 80s — the British Airways television commercial which showed thousands of people grouped to look like a pair of lips, and then an eye and an ear that transformed into the world. It was the classic Big Idea — very simple and designed to work in any country. "Now they would start talking about what type of lips and should it be a blue or a green eye," Mr Fink said. Advertising should get back to ideas, he added, like the Carling Black Label and Hamlet cigar ads and the surrealist early Benson and Hedges campaign

— "that was really different". He is not alone in the industry in disliking the Bob Hoskins British Telecom adverts, which last week came top of the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising's Effectiveness Awards. Some say its success has little to do with much apart from Bob Hoskins — just as the two children in the Safeway's ad have ensured it got coverage in all the tabloid newspapers. Adam Crozier, joint chief executive of Saatchi and Saatchi, is more enthusiastic. "Most of the people here really do believe in what they do... here people are feeling very buoyant." But he acknowledges we are no longer in the heady 80s. "The pressures are much greater and there are fewer people who will go with a gut decision."



One of the children in the Safeway ads: a boon to tabloids

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News in brief

Millennium wheel gets go-ahead

THE Government gave the go-ahead last night to the controversial £10 million Millennium Wheel, to be built on the South Bank of the Thames in central London. John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, described it as "an inspired idea and an imaginative way" to mark the millennium.

Crash wife murdered

A JEALOUS husband who was found guilty of murdering his wife by deliberately crashing their car on a country road after she left him for another man was jailed for life at Swansea crown court yesterday.

Robin Day, 49, a student teacher, smashed their Fiat Punto into a milk churn stand after Jennifer Day, 45, a mother of two, said she had fallen in love with John Brunt, a neighbour in the village of St Dogmaels, Dyfed.

Ridings authority probe

CALDERDALE, the education authority responsible for the Ridings School in Halifax which was temporarily closed to restore order, yesterday bowed to pressure from Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, to submit to an inspection of its services.

Strip award for Steve Bell

STEVE Bell was named Strip Cartoonist of the Year by the Cartoon Art Trust last night for his daily strip which has drawn for the Guardian since 1981. In the awards ceremony at the Royal Society of Arts in London, Bell said: "I would like to thank my mother for having me, the Guardian for printing me and John Major for being so easy to draw."

Ill ex-miners win benefits

THOUSANDS of ex-miners whose health suffered through working underground stand to receive up to £90 a week in extra benefits following a government decision last night. Social Security Secretary Peter Lilley announced changes to the Industrial Injuries scheme which will benefit thousands of ex-miners suffering from chronic bronchitis, and hundreds of workers affected by asbestos-related diseases.

Hospital waiting up 45pc

THE number of people waiting more than a year for hospital treatment leaped by 45 per cent during the summer, official figures show. Every English health region reported a rise in long waits. Ministers have told health authorities and trusts they can let waiting times grow to give priority to urgent cases in the face of the toughest financial climate for the health service since the NHS market system was introduced in 1991.

Central Africa

THE CHILDREN STILL NEED YOUR HELP. Hundreds of thousands of families are now on their way back home to Rwanda. But lives are still at risk. In the meantime, children have become separated from their parents. Many more are arriving hungry, dehydrated and weak with exhaustion.

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Christopher Howes's parents leaving the Foreign Office last night. PHOTOGRAPH: TONY HARRIS

Cambodia captive escape hopes high

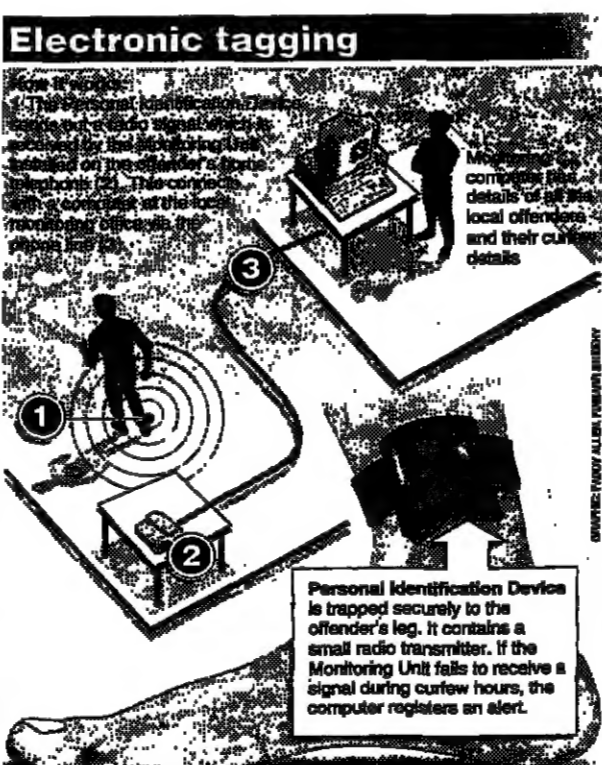
Mr Howes's father Roy, aged 68, who met Foreign Office officials yesterday, said: "Our feelings, if this is true, are absolute relief and delight. But until I hear from the Foreign Office, I will unhappily regard it as rumour." Mr Howes's mother Betty, aged 62, added: "Fingers crossed that the reports are true. We have had so many false rumours it is difficult to believe anything."



Christopher Howes, who is thought to have escaped the Khmer Rouge. PHOTOGRAPH: ROSS PARRY

'Match box' watch on offenders

Alan Travis on uncompleted trials of technology to monitor curfews



THE Prime Minister has decided to press ahead with legislation for electronic tagging to enforce curfews for children as young as 10, even though the official trials for adults have yet to finish.

orders have been completed. In 27 cases the curfews were breached and the offender returned to court. Three orders were quashed on appeal, and two were declared void.

Scientists scent 'missing' mass

Tom Redford Science Editor

SCIENTISTS using an ultraviolet telescope orbiting through space suspect they may be on the track of the missing 90 per cent of the universe. They have detected radiation from a vast, thick cloud of gas in a cluster of galaxies 300 million light years away.

Inquest told police pounced on black man 'like dogs on a cat'

A BLACK man who later died in custody was screaming in agony as police officers pounced on him "like dogs getting hold of a cat" and hit him repeatedly with their heavy batons, an inquest jury was told yesterday.



Wayne Douglas: 'screaming'

As soon as he did other police officers stormed into the park. The black man stepped back a couple of paces. Before those officers were on to him, the two already in the park reached him first.

Million accidents a year injure patients and staff

David Hencke Westminster Correspondent

MORE than 1 million people a year are injured in accidents in NHS hospitals, three quarters of them patients, says the National Audit Office in a report published today.

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Halting of tunnel shuttles urged as fire facts emerge

Keith Harper and Alex Duval Smith in Paris

The Consumers' Association last night repeated its call for the suspension of Eurotunnel's licence to run tourist shuttle trains through the Channel Tunnel after the company admitted that it was forced by Monday's emergency to fall back on its third, last-ditch, option for coping with fires.



Journalists inspect the damaged train in Calais yesterday

Eurotunnel's operations director, Alain Bertrand, said the evacuation of passengers had worked in textbook fashion and the incident had been managed in accordance with procedures.

But Colin Brown, the CA's deputy director of research, said: "The more we hear as the week goes on, the more we realise that safety systems failed. All these failures must cast serious doubts on the assurances given about the safety of passenger shuttles."

We repeat our demands for suspension of the licence of the tourist shuttle trains. In the first detailed account of the events which led to the shuttle being abandoned in mid-tunnel, Mr Bertrand confirmed two security guards at the Calais end had seen smoke coming from one of the lorries. They alerted the control centre, but by the time the driver was warned, he was two miles into the tunnel.

He was told to keep going to Folkestone as part of standard security procedure to clear the tunnel in the event

of danger. But the train was forced to stop 12 miles into the tunnel when the cab warning light indicated flaps on the sides of a loading wagon had come adrift.

Mr Bertrand said that the first security plan was that the train should keep going so that the blaze would be dealt with in emergency sidings in the open. The second option was to uncouple the affected parts of the train and get the rest out of the tunnel. But this could not be done because the fire caused a power failure.

The third security option was then invoked. This in-

cluded Eurotunnel staff leading passengers to safety via the central service tunnel. This is pressurised, with doors every 376 metres, and is sealed from the effects of smoke or other pollution.

Mr Bertrand said the driver responded correctly to the warning light. This indicated that the fold-down sections of a loading wagon which enables lorries to drive on to the lattice work carriages were in the "down" position.

Mr Bertrand said that in such circumstances the train should stop because the sections could hit tunnel equip-

ment or wiring systems and cause considerable damage.

He said the power failure prevented decoupling of the carriage where lorry drivers were eating. His explanation goes some way to answering the question as to why smoke entered the carriage.

Mr Bertrand admitted that the fire had been "very serious". At the time, the tunnel had contained two Eurostar trains, two tourist shuttles, and two lorry shuttles.

French accident investigators yesterday began examining the shuttle carriage on which the fire is believed to have started in a lorry. But the state prosecutor overseeing the investigation refused to comment on speculation that an incendiary device had been involved.

Gérard Lesigne, state prosecutor in Boulogne-sur-Mer, said: "We have no clues as to the cause of the fire."

Eurotunnel confirmed that it was entering a civil action over the incident — a move necessary in France to bring a private prosecution. A spokeswoman said: "We have no evidence of foul play."

Eurotunnel said its insurance would cover lost business and repairs to the 800 metres of tunnel damaged. But the group will be liable to pay an excess believed to equal three or four days' business, likely to amount to between \$41 million and \$58 million.

● F&O is to increase ferry sailings by 50 per cent to 30 a day with the continued closure of the tunnel to passenger traffic.

'Seven tough questions' for editors in privacy clampdown

Andrew Cuff Media Correspondent

LORD Wakeham, the chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, last night launched an initiative to clamp down on invasions of privacy by newspapers, outlining seven "central and tough" questions that editors should ask before publishing a story that invaded someone's privacy.

The move followed Lord Wakeham's warning two months ago that "flimsy" public interest defences were undermining the effectiveness of press self-regulation.

Stories about the Princess of Wales video — before it

proved later to be a hoax — and an erroneous story linking Prince William with an aristocrat's daughter prompted growing concern about invasion of privacy.

Lord Wakeham, speaking at a club in London, said that 10 years ago invasions of the private lives of individuals were commonplace.

"Today that is not the case; in fact the truth is that we are all the more shocked when such stories are written simply because they are far less frequent."

But self-regulation would not survive if newspapers turned a blind eye to unjustified intrusions.

"Down that route lies fines on newspapers and the in-

creasing involvement of the judiciary in setting standards of privacy."

Many MPs regard the public interest defence as a loophole in the code. Lord Wakeham said: "To me it is quite the opposite — it is the foundation stone on which a free press, with its ability to scrutinise those who exercise power, is built."

"Crucially, if the public interest defence is brought into disrepute, it will in the long run be the public's right to know which will suffer."

The seven questions editors should ask were not dictated, being imposed by the commission, but existing best practice in the newspaper industry. They include asking

whether the story is in the interests of public welfare or of public prudence.

If photographs taken by clandestine means are used, editors should ask whether the public interest requires their automatic publication or whether they are simply illustrative.

Lord Wakeham said if there was a genuine public interest, editors should consider whether there are ways to disclose it which minimise the invasion into private lives and the impact on children and innocent relatives.

Earlier this week the commission announced the launch of Citizen's Charter style standards in handling complaints from the public.



Brian Fell with his sculpture which commemorates merchant seamen who died in the second world war. Riveted and welded like the hull of a ship, the two-ton structure stands by Cardiff Bay

PHOTOGRAPH BY JEFF MORGAN

Stockman fined over deer deaths

Geoffrey Gibbs

DEER on an overstocked Cornish farm died from parasitic disease and malnutrition, Bodmin magistrates were told yesterday.

Police and RSPCA inspectors who visited the deer farm in April found pits where about 400 deer had been buried.

Robert Jasper, aged 40, who managed the business for Galtee Deer Care of Cork in the Irish republic, was fined 2500 after pleading guilty to six charges of causing unnecessary suffering to deer.

Robert Lee, prosecuting, told the court that Tre-

moorland Farm, Cardinham, was overstocked in September last year. In these conditions pasture would become contaminated by parasites unless animals were regularly wormed.

Lungworm and gutworm infection would accelerate malnutrition. A vet who visited the farm said the effects would have been noticeable in two to four weeks, and an experienced stockman would be expected to have taken action or sought advice.

Fining Jasper, magistrates' chairman Ronnie Potts said he shared the view of the defendant's solicitor that he was not the only person who should be in court.

But he told Jasper: "Your chief crime was allowing this situation to develop. You cannot be excused from not taking action which you obviously know you should have taken."

The court heard that the animals had died over a seven month period and that police and RSPA inspectors found some of the live animals to be "noticeably thin".

Mr Lee said Jasper told police his employer discouraged vets and claimed that the company would rather have an animal shot than incur vet fees.

The company did not appear to have been entirely blameless, Mr Lee said. Because of rent difficul-

ties, bailiffs took away machinery, preventing Jasper from feeding animals for several days.

He told police he kept strictly to a worming routine but admitted that the farm was overstocked up to September last year.

He failed to call in a vet or seek advice "mainly because he was in fear of losing his job", Mr Lee said. "As a result deer continued to suffer. They were dropping like flies."

Jasper, who pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to falsifying records relating to deer deaths, has since been employed as a stockman by the farm's new tenant, who described him as "extremely good".

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Fear of crime greater abroad than in Britain, poll shows

Stephen Bates in Brussels

FEAR of crime is even worse in other countries than in Britain, according to the first international opinion poll on the issue.

The poll, carried out in March, shows that although a third of Britons feel unsafe walking in their own neighbourhood after dark, insecurity is even higher in other European member states and other parts of the world.

In the former East Germany 60 per cent feel unsafe after nightfall, while in eastern Europe generally, Africa and Latin America, insecurity affects nearly half of all adults.

In Europe fears are highest among older people on low incomes living in cities, and women are more afraid than men, although, as the report points out, statistically women are no more likely to be crime victims than men. Unemployed men feel more than twice as vulnerable as those with jobs.

The findings as far as the European Union member

states are concerned show that 81 per cent of those questioned in Britain expressed fear of going out in the dark, compared with 34 per cent in former West Germany, 29 in France, 37 in Ireland and 39 in Spain.

Those in Scandinavian countries felt safest: only 11 per cent of Danes, 13 per cent of Finns and 19 per cent of Swedes felt endangered going out in the evening.

Asked whether they had had personal exposure to drug related problems in the past 12 months, including seeing people taking drugs, seeing drug dealing taking place or discovering implements such as syringes, 14 per cent of those questioned in Britain said they had.

Similar percentages were registered in France and Germany, but much higher incidences came from the Netherlands (17), Portugal (19) and Spain (24).

Interviews with more than 16,000 people — at least 1,000 in each member state except Luxembourg — were carried out by pollsters for the European Commission.

Heritage minister asks Sir Jocelyn not to resign over cuts in funding

SIR Jocelyn Stevens yesterday threatened not to continue as chairman of English Heritage if the grants body suffered any further cuts in Tuesday's Budget, writes *Maeve Kennedy*.

The Government's funding of English Heritage was cut by 5 per cent last year, to just over £107 million, and it has been warned to expect further cuts in real terms over the next four years.

If the cuts are sharper than predicted, Sir Jocelyn said the body would be unable to meet its legal commitments to

grants already agreed, which amounted to 85 per cent of its spending.

Sir Jocelyn was publicly invited yesterday by the Heritage Secretary, Virginia Bottomley, to extend his term when it expires in March "for at least another three years, or longer if I have my way".

Sir Jocelyn said he was surprised "by this very public proposition", but warned that, though he would like to see through projects like the Albert Memorial and Stonehenge, he could not stay on if there were further cuts.

"The first thing I did when I started therapy was chuck out 80 bags of shoes and clothes."

Boy George

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German and British differ to agree

The German Question

IN THE age of poll-driven politics, the no-love-lost-ness of German-British relations does not quite make sense. Mad cow panic, soccer wars, mutual tabloid abuse, rows over all rights and fundamental differences about Europe's future all point to a powerful estrangement between the two countries.

Ian Traynor reports, in the fifth of a series, on a poll showing that despite an age-old enmity, the British and German people share the same view of Europe

racist attacks in the Berlin area and a German television crew beaten up by English louts at Euro 96. German schoolgirls in London last summer reported regular verbal harassment on the tube, while this week's Goethe Institut survey of British schoolchildren suggests that stereotypical views of Germany persist.

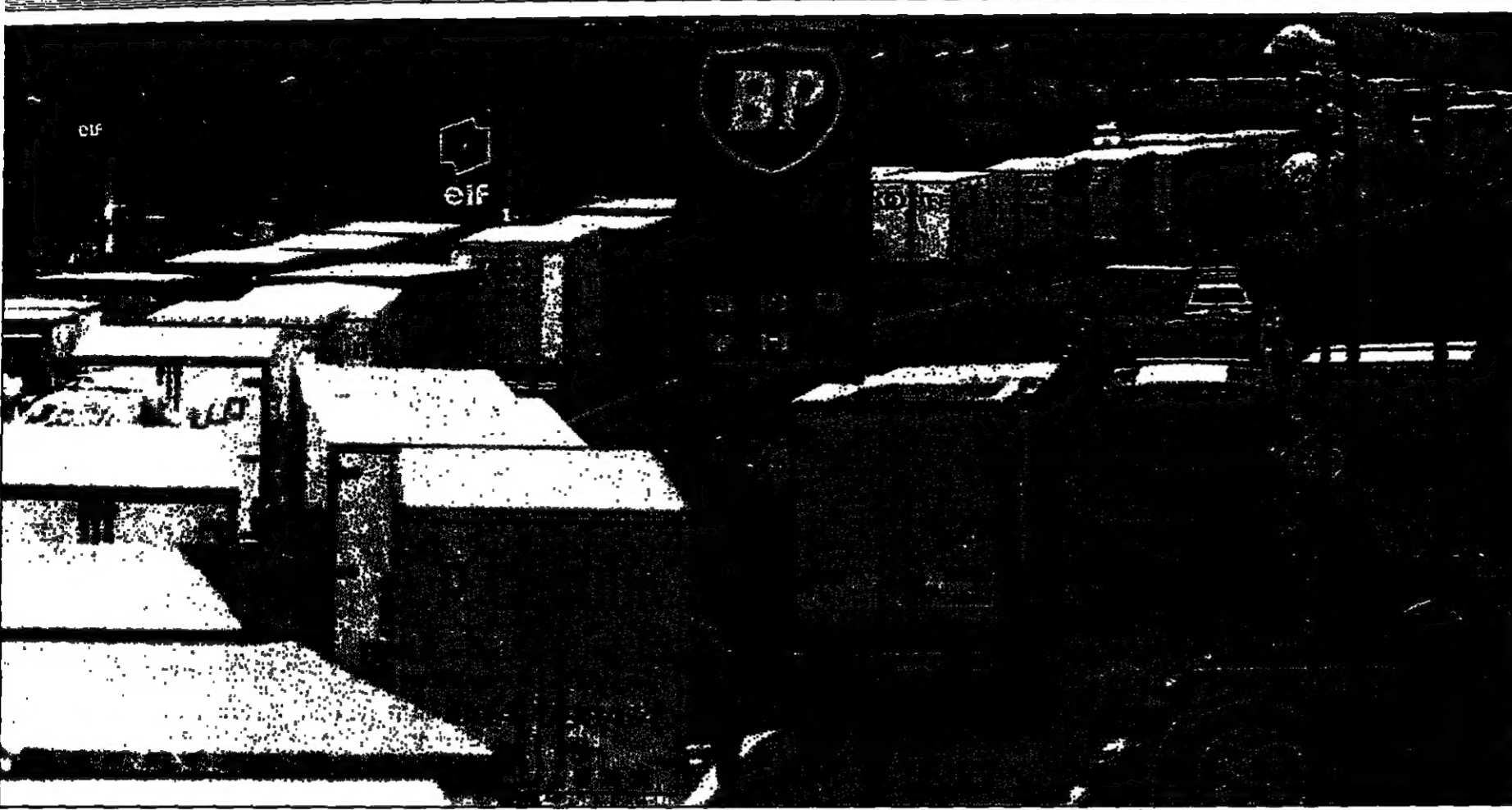
ain on the biggest contemporary issue: Europe. According to Brussels' yearly Eurobarometer poll this year, one third of Germans and Britons are in favour of a single European currency (34 and 33 per cent), while 43 per cent of Britons and 45 per cent of Germans think a single currency will bring disadvantages.

In certain areas the poll findings confound generally-held assumptions. Britons, for example, seem to trust the European Commission substantially more than the Germans (35-25) — and they are more optimistic than the Germans about the EU single market (52-43) or the future benefits of EU membership (41-33).

how under-represented the sizeable Euro-sceptic constituency is in Germany. "There's no doubt that the public will follow the politicians as long as they go ahead decisively," said a German

official. "As soon as the benefits of common European policy are evident, the Germans won't lack support for further European integration." He may be right. But he is not backed by the opinion polls. Regardless of party politics, there is no mainstream politician in Germany opposing Chancellor Helmut Kohl's European mission. Mr Kohl went so far last year as to denounce any such opposition as undemocratic. There is no Norman Lamont or Peter Shore in German politics.

Maastricht ticket, those who see the Germans as Euro-zealots might be in for a shock. The same effect is less likely in Britain because Euro-scepticism is integrated into the two big parties and into the impact of the Haider equivalent in Britain — say James Connaught — is therefore confined to the fringes. No political leader will risk embracing that constituency during an election campaign.



Striking drivers use their lorries to block the motorway leading into Bordeaux yesterday, causing petrol shortages in northern France

Striking lorry drivers cause petrol drought

Alex Dural Smith in Paris FRENCH supermarkets and petrol stations are expected to run out of supplies today as lorry drivers calling for better working conditions mount their fifth day of roadblocks. Traffic chaos, including tailbacks of up to 15 miles, was reported throughout France yesterday when more than 10,000 lorry drivers using CB radios drove at snail's pace and blocked the entrances to cities.

But on Monday drivers began a blockade of petrol facilities in Bordeaux. This, in combination with lightning tactics to block motorways throughout the week, was reported yesterday to be causing petrol shortages in northern France. The drivers are protesting against their employers' failure to respect an agreement in 1994 to gradually reduce their working month to 230 hours — about 56 hours a week. They have now increased their demands and are seeking payment for the time they spend waiting for goods to be loaded, and retirement at 55. One driver taking part in the Bordeaux blockade yesterday described his working conditions in the Libération newspaper. Jacky, aged 38, said: "I have been cross-country Europe for 21 years, with 40 tonnes on my back and two square metres to live in. It is my life, six days a week."

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Paedophile accusations against Belgium's deputy PM are shaky

Stephan Bates in Brussels ALLEGATIONS that the Belgian deputy prime minister, Elio di Rupo, procured sex with under-age boys began to disintegrate last night as the sole witness against him was discredited as a fantasist. The parliamentary commission set up to study the police evidence against Mr Di Rupo and decide whether his immunity from prosecution should be lifted gave the prosecuting authorities three weeks to come up with more substantial evidence before deputies are asked to vote on his future.

Serge Moureaux, a commission member, emerged from a 16-hour hearing saying: "It is an embryonic case — very unconvincing." It has emerged that the allegations against Mr Di Rupo have come entirely from Olivier Trusgnach, a 22-year-old waiter who confessed to the police when he was accused of stealing from his employer. Mr Trusgnach — who reportedly likes to call himself the Pink Baron and sign his name with a little — was described by his mother yesterday as a fantasist. His statements looked flimsy under examination, and Mr Di Rupo's friends said they could prove he had never met the waiter. Recrimination and anger has been directed against the authorities since the discovery of a paedophile gang and the murdered bodies of four young girls three months ago. For the first time yesterday there were calls for the witch-hunt to stop. The media began to divide on regional lines, the French-language newspapers generally supported the Francophone Mr Di Rupo against the Flemish media, which has led the allegations against him.

Amid suggestions that the allegations had been leaked by police angered at public criticism of their handling of the paedophile case, a Flemish journalist said last night: "There is racism — because Di Rupo has Italian ancestry — homophobia, anti-socialism and political infighting behind this. It is a boomerang against the public prosecutor's office." Marie-France Botte, a campaigner against child abuse, told reporters: "Things have gone too far. We have entered into a climate of incrimination where everyone denounces each other. People are using the paedophile problem to settle scores."

Mrs Botte said her organisation had received hundreds of letters denouncing individuals since the paedophile scandal erupted. It remains far from certain that Mr Di Rupo and Jean-Luc Dehaene's government will survive. In his first public comment on the affair, Mr Dehaene said last night: "In view of the state of the judicial procedure it would be premature at this stage to take a political decision and Mr Di Rupo retains my confidence." The prime minister has privately warned his coalition partners and his own backbenchers of the likelihood of a disastrous election if his deputy goes down. Mr Di Rupo, aged 45, the senior Socialist in the coalition, has denied the allegations, but has acknowledged that he is a homosexual. He said: "It is a true witch-hunt — McCarthyism of the worst kind."

Uproar over 'closed' radio station

Julian Borger in Sarajevo AN ATTEMPT to close Croatia's last independent radio station appears to have been rescinded after triggering some of the biggest demonstrations since independence. A day after closing Radio 101 with the intention of awarding its frequency to a rival, the government's telecommunications agency said yesterday that it could continue for the time being. News of the closure jolted Croatia's normally placid political scene. An estimated 6,000 listeners took to the streets in protest on Wednesday night, supported by the massed horns of Zagreb's taxi drivers. A bigger protest, by war veterans, was expected last night in the city's central square. In London the Foreign Office issued a protest, saying: "This step is inconsistent with Croatia's commitment to the international community to respect the freedom of its media, which

was expressed most recently in connection with its accession to the Council of Europe.... We urge the Croatian authorities to reconsider the decision." Croatia was admitted to the Council of Europe (a body intended to promote civil liberties) in October, on condition that the government improved its human rights record. In recent months the broadcasting authorities have closed down two provincial radio stations, in Varazdin and Istria, leaving Radio 101 as the last bastion of non-government broadcasting. Nino Pavic, owner of Radio 101's would-be replacement, Globus Radio 101, said he would renounce his claim to the franchise and the frequency. Mr Pavic is closely linked to the governing Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ). Zlatko Cunjuga, an HDZ leader in Zagreb, also appeared to be climbing down. He said last night: "If the decision was made,

it does not mean that it cannot be reversed." Radio 101's director, Silvio Vrbnac, went live on air to declare: "This is a shame, this is the beginning of a dictatorship." But later he said he had been assured by several cabinet members, including the minister of justice, that the decision would be reversed. Mr Vrbnac accused the Telecommunications Council of reaching a secret deal with Globus.

"Now they've realised it can't work," he said. The attempt to silence Radio 101 appears to have been prompted by HDZ hardliners close to President Franjo Tudjman. One of them, Ivica Pasalic, criticised the station for being "too politicised". Ante Masla, a journalist for a Croatian newspaper, was injured on Wednesday when an unknown man shot at his car in Dubrovnik, according to the ministry of internal affairs.

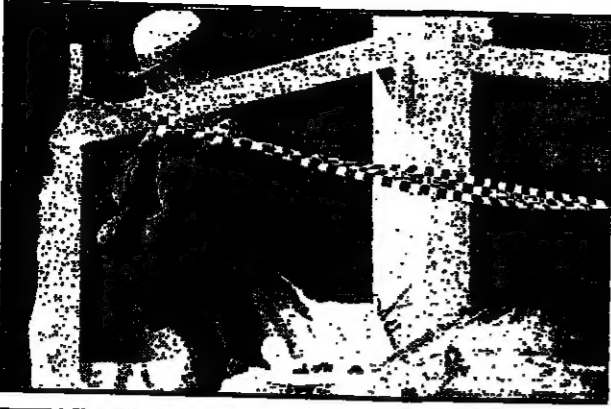
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Missing cash was ignored, say EU auditors



A court profile of Martin Bryant, sentenced today for the carnage in Tasmania, offers clues he refuses to give, reports Mark Bendeich

TASMANIAN MPs voted yesterday to strip the mass murderer Martin Bryant of his wealth, on the eve of the state supreme court's sentencing him for shooting 35 people at a tourist resort on the island in April.

His assets, worth up to \$500,000, are to be sold and the proceeds used to compensate the survivors and bereaved families of the shooting spree at Port Arthur, near Hobart.

The prosecution and defence have agreed that Bryant, who has confessed to the murders after initially pleading not guilty, should be jailed for life.

The court heard that the massacre had shattered the lives of those left behind: the survivors and the relatives suffered suicidal urges, depression, anxiety attacks and nightmares. Many had seen relationships break down.

The prosecution added that some of the 19 wounded had undergone repeated surgery.

His lawyer, John Avery, said Bryant, aged 26, was resigned to spending the rest of his life in prison. Australia does not have the death penalty.

He said Bryant had made him swear not to divulge his motive for the attack.

"He knows fully why he did it and what he did, and he has disclosed that to me," he said in a radio interview yesterday. "I am not at liberty to divulge that of course without his express instructions." In a detailed biography presented to the court, Bryant emerged as a man without friends and of severely limited intelligence. "Bryant was clearly a

distressed and disturbed young man. He was not mentally ill," Mr Avery said, quoting from a medical report. Bryant appeared to blush in the dock.

Recent intelligence tests put him in the lowest 2 per cent of the population, and he was verging on mental disability, the report said.

He also suffered from Asperger's syndrome, a personality disorder not unlike autism which affects 3 per cent of the population.

Bryant grew up in the Tasmanian capital Hobart, the only child of a dock worker and his wife. He left school at 15, and never took a full-time job.

He travelled the world in the past few years, using money bequeathed by an eccentric middle-aged woman who had been his only recent friend.

Helen Harvey employed him to do odd jobs in the late 1980s and took him in as a live-in companion in 1990. Two years later she died in a car crash.

His father, Maurice, the other main influence in Bryant's life, drowned himself at a farm near Port Arthur in August 1993, the court heard.

Within a few weeks, Bryant started making regular trips to Europe, Asia and the

United States "to meet up with normal people", Mr Avery said.

He tried to strike up conversations with strangers, but became "enraged by the frequency with which people would move away from him", said Mr Avery, quoting from the report.

"He became increasingly unhappy and angry at not having any friends."

Bryant began to dwell on his life-long feelings of rejection and, about a year ago, decided that, in his words, he had "had enough".

He contemplated suicide, then the idea of a murderous rampage formed in his mind. He chose for the massacre the ruins of Port Arthur, a convict settlement where some of Australia's most brutal colonial history was written.

Despite finding a girlfriend in the months before the attack, his mind was made up.

He is quoted as saying: "It was set in my mind... I wasn't worried about losing my property or never [seeing] my girlfriend again. It was just in my mind to go down... and kill a lot of people."

Asked why he chose Port Arthur, he said: "It must be the most violent place in Australia. It seemed the right place."

A prosecution psychiatrist, Ian Sale, said: "I think he is basically wired up badly... I think he has always been that way, something of a child in a man's body."

"Perhaps people should see him as some freak of nature, some natural disaster, rather than some malicious human being." — Reuters.



Martin Bryant, the gunman who murdered 35 people, is to be stripped of his wealth to compensate survivors. Top left, a policewoman weeps at the site of the massacre in April

Stephen Bates in Brussels

OFFICIAL auditors have censured the European Commission for allowing serious spending irregularities in its tourism unit: one of the biggest corruption scandals to have hit the commission.

Members of the unit have been accused of siphoning off funds by demanding kickbacks from tourist boards in return for grants from its \$5 million annual budget.

A report by the Luxembourg-based court of auditors, the European Union's financial watchdog, concluded that the commission had been slow to act: it had delayed in tackling the officials involved and in recovering the money from them.

It added that there were "serious irregularities... and shortcomings" in the allocation of finances by the unit and found that there were problems with up to 40 per cent of contracts awarded in a three-year period.

The money involved was earmarked for a series of pilot projects and studies on improving potential tourist resorts.

The Irish and French tourist boards are believed to have complained when they were asked for kickbacks of 10 per cent of their funding

before being considered favourably for help with projects.

George Tzouanos, the Greek former head of the unit, is in a Brussels prison and his wife is on bail in Greece. Pascal Chatillon, a French former temporary official with the unit, is on bail in France while the authorities decide whether to prosecute.

Heinrich von Melike, the German who headed the department responsible for tourism, will take early retirement at the end of the month. It took him more than a year to call in the commission's financial control unit when allegations of irregularities were drawn to his attention.

The commission has so far refused to lift the diplomatic immunity he will enjoy in retirement so he can be questioned by Belgian police investigators. It says lifting his immunity would be "premature".

The commission has also not acceded to requests made in the summer for police to interview two other senior figures, including the British former acting head of the unit, Alan Mayhew, who is now retired.

Yesterday Edward McMillan-Scott, the British Conservative MEP who has led calls for an inquiry, said there had been "a systematic attempt to hide gross mismanagement of public funds".

Europe set to snub Belarus as fears for freedom grow

John Palmer in Brussels

THE European Union is poised to abandon plans for closer ties with Belarus, alarmed at the speed with which the former Soviet republic is reverting to authoritarian rule.

It had hoped to negotiate an agreement with Belarus which, although it would not open the way to full EU membership, would eventually lead to a free trade area with western Europe.

But Belarus has repeatedly been condemned for the authoritarian stance of its president, Alexander

Lukashenko, who is locked in a deepening confrontation with his critics in Parliament over his plans to expand his already extensive powers.

EU foreign ministers meeting in Brussels on Monday are likely to jettison the proposed agreement.

"The situation in Belarus is becoming extremely serious, and it is certain that the EU will have to react if Lukashenko takes the country further back from democracy to full-scale authoritarian rule," a European Commission official said yesterday.

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Diary

Dan Glaister

Now here's a thought: we need more ministers. Yes we do. Many more. A suggestion comes in the recently published Millennium tome The Age of Anxiety...

Sofarewell then, Peter McKay, the shortest-lived editor of Punch in history. But where should McKay go? A man accustomed as he is to a lavish lunch...

STRANGE goings-on at the Home Affairs Select Committee. Dame Jill Knight demanded to know why 'Afros' weren't searched for drugs...

AFTER weeks of liberal whingeing about the election, I am beginning to side with the forces of reaction over the fate of the obscene, depraved Crash. I have to thank Christopher Tookay of the Daily Mail for my conversion...

HEARTWARMING advertisement for Air France appeared in America's newsstand yesterday. A nice little old man peeps out beside the words 'Not doing anything? If you have a little time on your hands there's never a better reason for a getaway to Paris...'

INTRIGUING news in the latest edition of the snappily-titled dti news. Writing about toilet lighting at the DTI's Victoria Street office, managing director Phillip Russell states: 'The lighting timers in 1 Victoria Street are set for a duration of 16 minutes, and are reactivated whenever anyone enters the toilet...'

My attention is drawn to an advertisement in the Watford Observer for Jackson's Jewellers. 'Forget about our imminent decline due to global warming,' it begins optimistically before turning all threatening. 'Worry more about asteroids.' 'Oh dear.' 'Precautions can be taken.' 'That's all right then.' 'For instance you are advised to purchase some of our fine Jewellery as Christmas presents a little early this year - you never know!'

LAST word on Fergie: The Sun enticed readers yesterday with a free copy of her book My Way. All they had to do was answer the question 'Tell us the name of her ex-husband.' Over to you Madame Vasso.



Just imagine it: Imran Khan as premier

Commentary Peter Preston

GOPFREY BOYCOTT for Prime Minister. Why not? He's a national figure and gritty sporting legend. His patriotism and sense of destiny - copied by public opinion of the Referendum Party - speak for themselves.

Imran, heavy with destiny, wants to be Premier of Pakistan. Still more significantly, the British press wants that too. Showbusiness writers ejaculate over the dream couple. Leader writers wheel out the adjectives of high seriousness. Interview writers queue outside his door.

new Movement for Justice. They don't like Lt-General (retired) Hamid Gul, the old intelligence chief for Zia ul Haq who was in at the birth of the Imran group. They fear other links with the Pabean, a youth offshoot of the pretty fundamentalist Jamaat-e-Islami. You can spin the same sort of tales about Imran that, in another part of the global forest, some spin about Sir Jimmy.

now been abruptly cancelled. He is leading the charge against corruption, and finding its roots in the feudal ties of Pakistan society (which, coincidentally, mesh the rich, autocratic Bhuttos of Sindh). That would be splendid, if true: but simplicity thrives in again. Of course Pakistan is a mire of backbenchers and mayhem. But that is because Pakistan has seldom given itself 15 seconds to find a settled way.

Only one fatal trait truly links Goldsmith and Imran: their crashing naivety

more, in the early 70s, to destroy feudalism than any Pakistani before or since. But by the end of the 70s he was singing a completely different song. The feudal landlords and the peasant farmers - together in mutual self-interest - fussed Bhutto back from the seething cities and the urban masses. There was, and still is, no cohesion to Pakistan. It's an impossibility

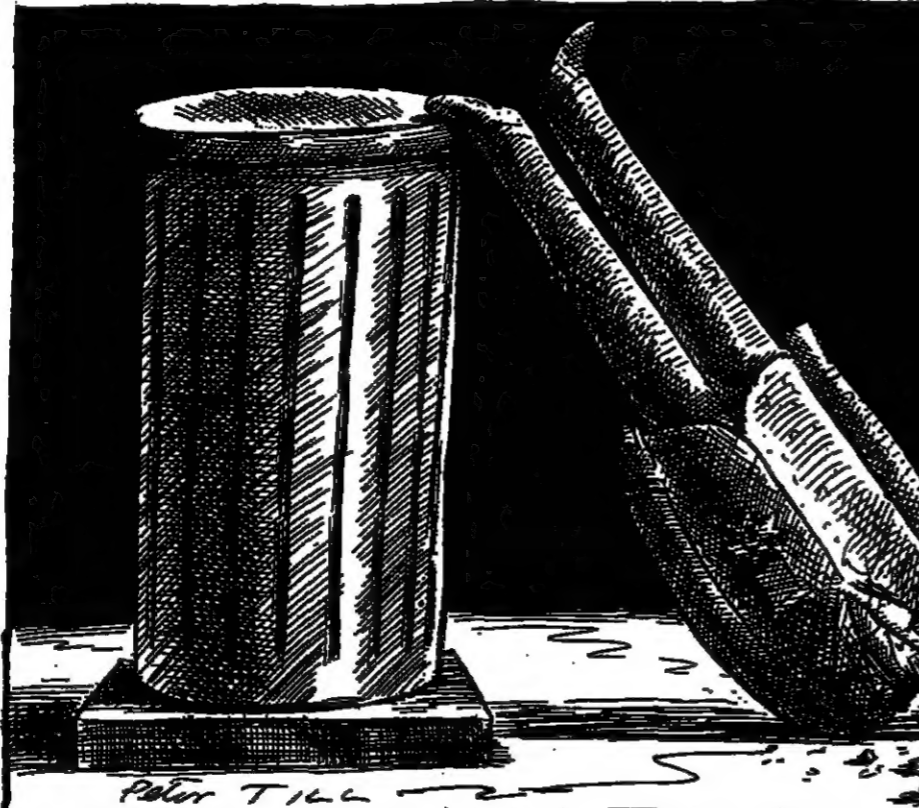
Funny old Tory weather we're having



Bel Littlejohn

'Am I right, or am I right?' asked the lovely Johnny Prescott. 'or is the weather getting one helluva lot worse under the present iniquitous and wholly discredited Tory government?'

up and down the country. An Arctic landscape - ice, igloos, polar-bears, the lot - and, underneath, the simple slogan. 'Life's Colder Under Major'. There was a stunned silence. I guess we all knew we were privileged to be present at the birth of a great new idea, just like they must have done at Hiroshima. 'Love it,' said Tony, adding: 'But the Tories are bound to trot out their tired old question, 'So what would you guys do instead?'



Julia Pascal calls for wartime Channel Island leaders who collaborated with the Nazis to be posthumously denounced as traitors - and stripped of their titles

Islands of shame

REMEMBRANCE Day, and we observe two minutes' silence. On Sunday November 10, Whitehall was a living parade of our old heroes still walking in step, sporting their military honours and remembering their dead comrades. For a brief instant we, born too late to know war, glimpsed a vision of a country totally mobilised against Hitler. But what of those British who lived easily with the Nazis on the Channel Islands, the only area of occupied Britain?

1942: Theresia Steiner, a Viennese domestic-turned-nurse; Auguste Spitz, a Viennese nursing auxiliary; and an agricultural worker, Marieanne Grundfeld.

AFTER the war, the now Queen Mother knighted Victor G Carey for his war services. Today his grandson is Guernsey's Deputy Bailiff. The sins of the fathers should not be visited on the sons but, when those fathers have been falsely honoured, shouldn't history be corrected? If we decorate our heroes for their country, we don't make their grandchildren as posthumously stripped from traitors?

After the current revelations and Jersey is said to be one of the most honest and fair of the Channel Islands. This news is 'just another Holocaust story', and one which sits uneasily with their own version. Women, now in their 70s, were called Jerrybags for sleeping with the Germans. Many had children and German-fathered babies after offering what the French called 'horizontal collaboration' in total sympathy with their government's official line. Do the Remembrance day parades see November 10 mean anything long as traitors like Carey are painted as war heroes? At least the French had the decency to try Marshal Pétain. It's time our official records were followed up and Channel Island history, which is after all part of our own British history, is not forgotten or rewritten to hide the truth.

Is there a psychologist in the House?

Politicians are not normal people. If they had a little more self-awareness, argues Tessa Jowell, we would all be happier

I CAN'T imagine anyone wanting to do your job, with any of your constituents said to me the other day. It is a common reaction. Except that it is, among the band of MPs, councillors, activists and aspirant politicians who share infection by the political virus. What is it that evokes such horror at this way of life among the detached onlooker, but produces such an insatiable appetite for the thrill among those devoted to it?

identify with, and with whom they can share political convictions. Labour, for instance, identified that it had lost the election's trust during the 1980s and early 1990s. Then there is the effect on the party itself: a hard part of modernisation has been, after 17 years in opposition, for Labour itself to believe that it will win popular support and become the government. The psychology of opposition is destructive.

PSYCHOLOGICAL ideas have rarely been applied to understanding politics and its players, partly because there is no common language. Yet the rich tradition of developmental psychology and attachment theory brings to an impoverished political debate that we are, each of us, necessarily social beings. The need for attachment, for an identity rooted in belonging, is as far from 'no such thing as society' as it is possible to be. We politicians can learn more from psychology; it can show us the benefits of stepping aside from the ritual of politics and engaging with those we represent. Beyond such rituals as the bear-garden that is

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By The Guardian economics panel

BUDGET DILEMMA

CHANCELLOR Kenneth Clarke has tried hard to demonstrate that the economy is safe in his hands. The Prime Minister, too, has insisted that the Budget will be "prudent and sensible", but the widespread view is that next year's General Election will dominate Mr Clarke's calculations.

Mr Clarke is faced with a dilemma. If he opts for prudence, which we believe means at least a balanced budget and ideally some fiscal tightening, he will probably still be known as a safe pair of hands. But if the Conservatives lose the election would such an accolade bring much comfort? Mr Clarke might find himself known as "the chancellor who lost the election".

It is doubtful whether his own party will allow him not to cut at least a penny off income tax. He may also widen the 20 per cent band.

He could balance this with £2 billion-£3 billion of spending cuts or clever tweaking of corporate taxation. Income tax cuts win headlines (and, arguably, votes), but companies do not vote.

We believe that Mr Clarke is unlikely to change VAT levels. As a pro-EU minister, he has a ready excuse to alter rates because Britain is out of step with Europe on this levy. But these are Euro-sensitive times, and arguing for harmonisation would not win political points. Similarly, the public has spotted the trick of lowering direct personal taxation while raising indirect levels.

On public spending, we would be surprised if there is not more money for health and education. To pay for this, there may be a further squeeze on local authorities and promises of private finance initiative money to counter reductions in capital spending.



White knuckles... British people have been taken on a roller coaster ride by the Tories, but now they're spending again. Can Kenneth Clarke keep his head? PHOTOGRAPH: DON MOPHE

Danger for Clarke — Britain on a roll

Bronwyn Curtis introduces the Wise Women's view of the Budget and why tax cuts should not be on the agenda — and an interest rate rise should

THE Chancellor is preading over an economy that is remarkably good shape — but the Budget next week will not address the fundamental aspects of the public finances because of political demands. Economic growth is stronger than for almost two years and the recovery is likely to endure. We are more pessimistic about the outlook for inflation — even though the 9.5 per cent appreciation of the pound since the August trough will dampen down im-

port price inflation to some extent. Buoyant consumer spending means much of the inflation pressure is domestically generated, and average earnings are rising again. Kenneth Clarke is unlikely to meet his inflation target of 2.5 per cent and he ought to raise base rates before the election. A rise from 6 per cent to 6.5 per cent before the election would possibly remove the need for a rise to at least 7 per cent afterwards. We expect few surprises on the overall shape of the budget. Despite the public sector borrowing requirement's recent encouraging revival, there is still a long way to go. With bodies like the International Monetary Fund warning the Chancellor against loosening fiscal policy, tax cuts should not even be on the agenda — though Mr Clarke cannot ignore the political background. He has, however, little room to do anything dramatic. Tax cuts costing between £2 billion and £3 billion will be financed largely by spending cuts. The markets still need to be convinced that whichever party wins the General Election will be able to deliver the scale of spending cuts that are required if the economy is to sustain lower taxes. We are sceptical about this, since no party seems prepared to face the structural issues, which involve a complete rethink of social security, health and education spending.

In the last Budget, the forecast was growth of 0.5 per cent per year for four years, against an average 2 per cent annual increase to date. If government spending is to be fundamentally reduced, as opposed to cosmetically trimmed, in future years then social security, health and education must be overhauled. These three areas account for 60 per cent of total spending, compared to less than 50 per cent when the Conservatives came to power in 1979. Both main parties, however, want to deliver real increases in education and health and are reluctant to antagonise some groups who benefit from social security, in particular pensioners. Of the £295 billion social security budget, 45 per cent goes to pensioners, 15 per cent to families and 20 per cent to



Kenneth Clarke at the Treasury PHOTOGRAPH: SEAN SMITH

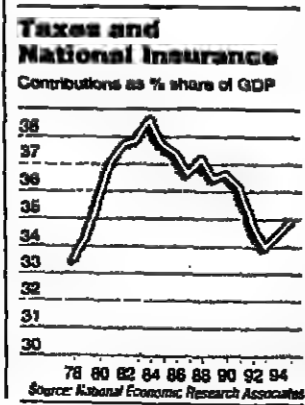
Promises, promises but burden increases

TAX/Top earners feel good but the low-paid are taking the pain. Penelope Rowlatt reports.

FOR a party which has been promising to reduce the burden of taxation since it first came to power in 1979, the Conservatives have a poor record. Although income tax rates have fallen since 1979, the average tax burden has actually risen slightly and also falls more heavily on the less well-off. The tax burden as a share of GDP is rising and although the current level appears only slightly above the 1979 share, it is well below the average for the years since 1979. The chart, which includes total government revenue from the whole range of taxes, shows the peaks and troughs clearly: the only dip below the 1979 level of less than 34 per cent reflected a fall in tax receipts as a result of the recession. Who have been the winners and who the losers since the Conservatives came to power? There have certainly been substantial cuts in income tax rates. Since 1979, the basic

rate of income tax has been cut from 33 per cent to 24 per cent. The temporary low rate of 23 per cent in 1979 was reintroduced and is now 20 per cent. The highest rate of 63 per cent in 1979 was lowered in 1979 to 50 per cent and the range of higher rates (40 per cent to 60 per cent) was contracted to a high of 40 per cent in 1989. But these changes have had surprisingly little effect on income tax revenue because income tax allowances and bands have not been adjusted to take account of the growth in GDP.

So whereas in 1979 the revenue from income tax (£18.8 billion) was about 11 per cent of GDP, the 1995 tax take



Source: National Economic Research Associates

(£74.7 billion) was less than 10 per cent of GDP. The small impact on the total tax take of income tax reductions has come about partly because other kinds of taxes have been boosted. Revenue from VAT expressed as a percentage of GDP has risen substantially, from around 3 per cent in 1979 to nearly 7 per cent in 1995.

This is mainly the result of the increase in the rate, first from 8 per cent (12.5 per cent higher rate) to 15 per cent when the Conservatives came to power in 1979, then to 17.5 per cent in 1991. It also reflects the increase in the range of goods covered by VAT. The modest fall in the share of income tax has been more than offset by the increases in the take from VAT (with changes in other taxes making up the difference). Income tax cuts generally benefit high earners (those with an income of £30,000 or above) more than they benefit the poorer sections of society, while expenditure tax rises fall more equally on the rich and the poor.

So while the total tax revenue as a share of GDP was only slightly higher in 1995 than it was in 1979, the switch from income to expenditure taxes has benefited high earners and hit those on lower wages.

Borrowing target stays out of reach

PSBR/Europe's demands should be answered for UK's own good, says Marian Bell

KENNETH Clarke's ability to produce a voter-friendly budget, featuring tax cuts and extra money for health and education, is hampered by the need to lift the public finances further out of the red. The Chancellor has missed the target he set for reductions of the public sector borrowing requirement (PSBR) last year, but the Treasury has said he is on course for this year's goal — £27 billion. As a reportedly pro-monetary union Chancellor, Mr Clarke has pledged to put the PSBR on course to hit 3 per cent or less of gross domestic product as stipulated by the Maastricht Treaty, by the end of 1997. He will not achieve this — unless he is prepared to cut public sector spending and raise taxes. On current trends, the PSBR is set to reach nearly four per cent of GDP in the fiscal year 1996/97. The general government deficit in the year to September was 4.6 per cent of GDP. It excludes windfall privatisation receipts and public corporations borrowing

which have fattened the PSBR in recent years. Much of this deficit is likely to be structural: the country is four years into an economic upturn, average earnings and inflation are picking up and there are reports of skills shortages. This means that attempts to erode the deficit by more rapid growth will be unsustainable. Politicians on all sides might feel that they can live with the failure to qualify for EMU in 1999, but that would contradict official policy, to keep options on entry open. The council of the European Monetary Institute — to be the EU's central bank — believes that a currency must be in the Exchange Rate Mechanism if it is to join the single currency. Sterling is unlikely to satisfy this requirement. Britain will also fail to satisfy the requirement that participating countries should have independent central banks. Regardless of Maastricht, the Chancellor should be aiming to get the PSBR down to 3 per cent of GDP or below if Britain's debt to GDP ratio is to be stabilised at around its current 60 per cent level.

The ratio — the one Maastricht rule which Britain already satisfies — is desirable if an increasing burden is not to be placed on future generations of tax payers.

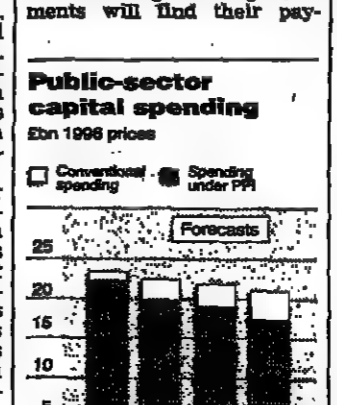
Capital rise to put off paying bills rumbled

PFI/Handover to private sector may prove costly in long run, Janette Rutterford writes

THE Government is confident that it will meet this year's target for lifting the public finances further out of the red, having failed to do so last year. One use for cutting spending is the Private Finance Initiative, the Government's scheme to transfer public-sector capital projects to the private sector. The PFI business as well as civil servants and four years after its birth, still suffers teething problems. But it is here to stay — which ever party wins the election — because in theory it shifts capital spending and high risk costs off the public balance sheet. The private sector pays for capital projects, such as departmental buildings which the Government then leases back. So the Government avoids borrowing to fund infrastructure projects such as hospitals, swapping increases in the PSBR for payments to private contractors. The project is complete and services are delivered. In recent years, there has been a real decrease in government capital expenditure, with further reductions pro-

jected even assuming PFI targets are achieved, as the chart shows. This has led to the criticism that the main government objective is to mask the real decrease in publicly funded capital spending. Tax cuts announced next week will doubtless be partly funded by further cuts in capital spending, perhaps hidden by an upwardly revised PFI announced at the same time. But the PFI is not cost-free. Unlike the Government, private firms cannot fund projects at the long-term gilt rate. Even with simple projects, such as bridges, it has been estimated that private contractors have had to pay 14-24 per cent above the long gilt yield on the debt portion of the funding. Future governments will find their pay-

ments for PFI financed services reflect this extra cost. In theory, the PFI's objective of boosting value for money can compensate for the additional costs of capital spending. Another argument for PFI is that some risks as well as returns are transferred to the private sector. However, not all the risks are being transferred. If the costs of refurbishing the London Underground Northern Line are much higher than expected, travellers will pay through increased fares. If hospital services provided by the private sector become obsolete, the Government will bear the policy risk of changes in health-provision needs. By tying guaranteed payments on PFI contracts to outputs rather than to the government, the Government may lock in much higher payments for obsolete services. There is already anxiety that the PFI may skew investment into standard types of spending, such as bridges and roads, and away from innovative, riskier projects. In the past, capital spending on government-funded projects was judged by cost overruns and delays in start-up — such as the sorry story of the British Library. There will doubtless be similar mispricings with PFI projects, but differences from budget estimates could take 20 or 30 years to emerge. The rush to sign PFI deals to fill the hole in public capital spending could yield unpleasant surprises for years to come.



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New recruit... Pamela Meadows PHOTOGRAPH: TOM JENKINS

Newcomer offers employment expertise number of panellists to six after two members were selected by Chancellor Kenneth Clarke to join his team of independent economic advisers — a measure of the impact the Guardian's forum has had. The panel aims to move beyond narrow forecasting to discuss strategic issues facing the UK economy. It also seeks to show that the tendency to typecast a man's profession as a misconception. Ms Meadows said that women are under-represented in the field are well founded. The Royal Economics Society is concerned that it is still a male-dominated profession and the proportion of women undergraduates studying economics at university is 20 per cent, no higher than it was 25 years ago. Guardian panel member Bronwyn Curtis was appointed deputy managing director and chief economist at the Nomura Research Institute this week. She joins the group from Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, where she was global head of foreign exchange and fixed-income strategy. The other Wise Women are: Dr Ann Robinson, director-general of the National Association of Pension Funds; Professor Janette Rutterford, Abbey National professor of finance at the Open University; Dr Penelope Rowlant, director of National Economic Research Associates; and Marian Bell, treasury economist at the Royal Bank of Scotland.

SportsGuardian

Best's jibes get England coach hot under collar

Robert Armstrong

THE England coach Jack Rowell yesterday made the astonishing accusation that was trying to undermine the England squad's build-up to tomorrow's international against Italy at Twickenham.

Rowell questioned the timing and motivation of a bitter personal attack by Best on the man who sacked him as a coach two years ago. Best also described certain RFU members as "two-faced and gutless" in comments officially published today in Rugby News magazine.

The long-running war of words between the two coaches was given a fresh twist when Chris Sheasby, who is due to win his first cap as England's No. 8 after the late withdrawal of the injured Ben Clarke, suggested he would not have been selected had he remained with Harlequins instead of switching to Wasps last summer.

Best, Quins' director of rugby, pushed Sheasby's international claims with notable lack of success last week. England includes two Quins, Will Carling and Jason Leonard, but the 29-year-old Sheasby strongly implied his England career would have been stillborn had he not switched. "If I had stayed at Quins I would have been pushed by certain people and that would not have gone down well with England in the current climate," said the Wasps forward, who had a well-publicised row

with Best before moving on. Rowell, who supervised an England squad session at Twickenham yesterday, took Best to task in strong terms for his hostile outburst. "It's not my practice to criticise or comment on the work of other coaches," he said. "I don't understand the motivation of other people who seek to disrupt the preparation of the international team."

Best forecast that Rowell would be sacked by the RFU at the end of this season, claiming: "You don't give someone a one-year contract if you have confidence in him. It tells me at least that at the end of the season it's probably 'Goodnight Irene'."

Best also criticised Rowell's team selection last season. "In bringing back Dean Richards he wasted a whole year in the development of the team. He did it to get a result, otherwise he would have been out of a job."

"I don't think he'll be the coach or manager by the time of the next World Cup in 1999. The RFU have to invest in him but the problem is I don't believe they have much faith in him."

There is a possibility Best may face some form of disciplinary action after his contemptuous attack on RFU committee members. "The reason I won't be asked back [to the England set-up] is that I made it patently obvious to a lot of these people that I never even want to see them again. They are two-faced and gutless and I have very little respect for them."

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SUMMIT MEETING



'He'll find it a much tougher game when he's out of office and no one is giving him those three- and four-foot putts' — Donna Caponi, former US Open champion, on Clinton

Yesterday the world's most powerful man took on the world No. 1. David Davies was there

Georgie left to ponder the Irish question



Vincent Hanna

GEORGE BEST suggested this week that Ireland might field one international football team instead of two. I can't remember George talking politics before, except for his story about the time someone threw a petrol bomb at him. "I drank it," he explains.

I am in Belfast this week and, as a tribute to the general affection in which George is held, no one took the slightest notice of his remarks, which may be emotionally sound but are politically deaf.

Sport is like everything else: it flourishes as long as politics permit. Which means that in a twinkling it can turn very nasty.

In the past few months in the province we have had some pretty strange scenes. Local leaders seem impotent, or futile, or both.

For new readers a recap. Ireland plays as one nation in rugby and cricket, which are middle-class sports. Tribal differences are set aside in the celebration of internationals at Lansdowne Road. Minor sports flourish in a non-sectarian atmosphere because they are just that: minor. But mostly Northern Ireland operates its own system of voluntary apartheid.

Catholic schools opt for Gaelic games (football and hurling). The G.A.A. bans members of the British security forces from membership.

Protestants do not play. The two tribes are segregated at school, social club and on the playing field. There is little real contact between them except in soccer. There's more than enough real contact there.

Soccer is the working-class game and used by extremists, when it suits them, as a battleground for sectarian strife. There have been three predominantly Catholic teams in the North's Irish FA this century: two have left and the third are thinking about it.

Belfast Celtic used to play in the same colours as their Glasgow cousins but they closed in 1948 when supporters of Linfield, the dominant Protestant club, invaded the pitch and

Jimmy Jones, the Celtic centre-forward, had his leg broken. Derry City left the IFA in 1973 after sectarian riots; they now play in the FA of Ireland (the Republic's professional league). The two associations field separate international teams. There is no chance of unity.

When I was young I watched Cliftonville, an amateur side and the worst in the IFA. Their ground is aptly called Solitude; their supporters are non-sectarian masochists, united in despair. Once I watched a seagull sleep throughout the second half on the Glentoran crossbar.

In 1974 the club became professional and changing demographics brought more Catholics into their hinterland. They were dubbed the "Fenian" team, Irish tricolours began to appear on the terraces and local paramilitaries on both sides found them hard to exploit.

A few weeks ago coaches carrying Cliftonville supporters to a match in Portadown were attacked by a Loyalist mob, windows were smashed and seats ripped out. Banners said: "Kick Republican scum out of Ulster."

The club chairman Jim Jones is also chairman of the IFA, which has been criticised for its complacency — play down the trouble in the hope that good times are around the corner. "Libre in Northern Ireland, not cloud-cuckoo-land," said Jim, "and there are big-ots on both sides here."

There was talk of Cliftonville departing, protests by Protestants (mostly about threats to their voters) and then, as quickly as it began, the violence died down. The past two weeks have been relatively peaceful — one Loyalist explained that "word went out to lay off" — and games have been played with only "peaceful" protests.

THIS week there is more stupidity on display as Catholics boycott some Protestant shops, and Catholic worshippers at a church in Ballymena are abused by a Loyalist mob.

This runs home something I should have learned in the days of South African boycotts, namely that sport does not change society but rather reflects the prevailing political mood. Real change comes only when people demand it or are inspired by great leadership.

Northern Ireland is constantly being told to take risks for peace. Everyone wants to be first. Except George Best, of course.

Shearer the 30-day wonder

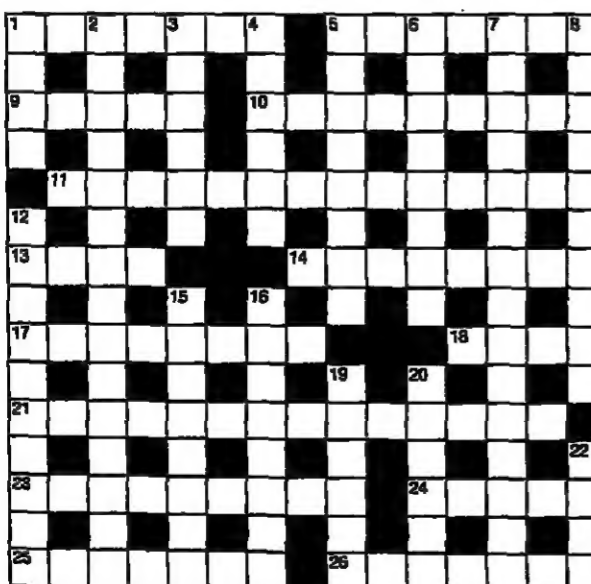
ENGLAND'S captain Alan Shearer will make his Newcastle comeback at Chelsea tomorrow only 30 days after his groin operation, which normally sidelines a player for six to eight weeks.

The £15 million striker came through a full training session yesterday, and Newcastle's assistant manager

Terry McDermott said Shearer almost played against Metz on Tuesday. "If it had been the last game of the season Alan would have played," he said.

Shearer's strike partner Les Ferdinand, out with a depressed fracture of the cheekbone, hopes to be back to face Coventry on December 17.

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- Across**
- 1 Bend with the king's shield (7)
 - 5 Pinta's unsatisfactory round "The Duke" but it's good for tots (7)
 - 9 Jack books a fortune-teller (5)
 - 10 Prepared CD on leather? It needs versatility (9)
 - 11 Great set-up? A concept based on another (14)
 - 13 Left the plant to get a blow (4)
 - 14 Rugby player's to keep his distance (5-3)
 - 17 The coach falls and one's missing game (8)
 - 18 A fine rozzar catches man on the fiddle (4)

Set by Quantum

- 21,24 Start the business and examine the carpet fixers? (3,4,2,5,5)
- 22 The humiliation produced by a low story? (9)
- 24 see 21
- 25 The artist's assistant could be Welsh (7)
- 26 A long journey involving a lot of lines? (7)

Down

- 1 A goat without hesitation is an object of ridicule (4)
- 2 RA's minute tactic is somehow to support with evidence (15)
- 3 Talless bird seen around the foam (6)
- 4 The root is hard, crumbly (6)
- 5 Deposit the protective force here (6)
- 6 Seeing but not having the covering on top (6)
- 7 What to do if one's legs are chilly? Try harder (4,2,4,5)
- 8 Newcomer could have it after a long hike (10)
- 12 Shifty lad's back with rug. He's a rogue (10)
- 15 County uniform (no hat) for a civic official (8)
- 16 Drops duck, we hear, for an animal (8)

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18 Extremely sound eggs? (3-3)
 20 Henry's forty getting a bash. Bubby? (6)
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